Special Income Tax Credit

More than 100,000 Virginians age 62 or older are entitled to a special state income tax credit which many eligible taxpayers may not have taken advantage of on last year's return, according to state Department of Taxation officials. Last year was the first time the credit was offered.

"We think there may have been some confusion about who is eligible," E. A. Dore, director of the income tax division said. "You do not have to be retired to qualify for the credit."

This credit, or reduction in the amount of tax owed, is designed to provide a comparable tax break to all elderly Virginians, regardless of their source of income. In the past, limited earnings, social security benefits and private pension plans were given unequal tax treatment.

To a typical 65-year-old individual with $2,000 of social security benefits and an adjusted gross income (income subject to tax) of $8,500, this credit could mean almost a $150 reduction in his total state income tax bill.

A taxpayer's age, taxable income, and any retirement benefits are considered in determining his eligibility and in computing the amount of credit due. Since tax relief is aimed at middle to lower income groups, the amount of this credit begins to decrease as taxable income increases over $12,000. Individuals with taxable incomes of $14,500 or more are not eligible for this credit.

The 1977 state income tax return provides detailed instructions and several examples to help the taxpayer compute this credit. For more information, contact the local commissioner of the revenue or the Department of Taxation, Income Tax Division, P. O. Box 6-L, Richmond, Virginia 23282.

DOUBLE CHECKING TAX RETURN CAN AVERT ERRORS, SPEED REFUND

Richmond - Taxpayers can prevent possible slower processing of their tax returns and delay in issuance of refund due by double checking their returns before filing, the Internal Revenue Service said.

Some of the most common taxpayer mistakes, according to the IRS, include arithmetic errors, use of the wrong filing status, failure to sign the return and especially to provide two signatures in the case of a joint return, and failure to attach all necessary documents.

The IRS also urged taxpayers to use the peel-off label that comes with the tax package on their returns in order to avoid possible social security number errors. Taxpayers can also save time and speed up processing by mailing their returns in the coded, pre-addressed envelope found in their tax packages, according to the IRS.

CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of Continental Telephone Corporation today declared a regular quarterly dividend of $.29 (29 cents) per common share. The dividend is payable on February 28, 1978, to stockholders of record of February 15, 1978.

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Marshall Bill May Benefit Lynchburg District

Lynchburg would receive at least $155,000, and Lynchburg District would get at least $826,500 under an Arlington County bill filed by Delegate Mary Marshall.

The Marshall bill stops construction of the highly controversial 166 within the Metropolitan Area beltway and orders the transfer of state funds, earmarked for its completion, to the improvement of secondary roads in Virginia.

Almost ten million dollars in state funds were allocated for 166. Figures from the Virginia Highway Department **based on the distribution of five million dollars** would give Lynchburg $155,000, Danville $106,500, Farmville $13,500, South Boston $15,500, Amherst County $43,500, Appomattox $28,500, Buckingham $43,000, Campbell $72,500, Charlotte $35,000, Cumberland $24,000, Halifax County $80,500, Nelson $34,500, Pittsylvania $137,500, and Prince Edward County $37,000.

Arlington County has been fighting to stop the construction of 166 for twenty years. Delegate Marshall introduced her bill ending the highway at Route 7 because she feels quite certain that the citizens of the Commonwealth - including a majority in Northern Virginia - would prefer to spend the state money on secondary roads badly in need of upgrading than on an interstate highway which would no longer be part of any interstate system and would would end in a hopeless traffic snarl at Constitution Avenue in Washington.

If either of the two courts suits now pending are decided against 166, the state funds will remain in the primary system in Northern Virginia. If Delegate Marshall's bill passes, they will be reallocated to the secondary road system to be distributed across the entire state.

VA. FIBRE REPORTS WOOD PURCHASES FOR WEEK

Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville has reported wood purchases for the week ending February 6, 1978. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	$ 3,706.94
Amelia	300.60
Amherst	7,880.75
Appomattox	8,878.49
Augusta	
Bedford County	3,026.06
Buckingham	11,391.06
Prince William	612.67
Campbell	4,699.65
Charlotte	2,401.15
Cumberland	2,024.01
	683.31
Goochland	982.45
Halifax	1,759.50
Nelson	6,871.12
New Kent	
Pittsylvania	813.23
Powhatan	1,056.88
Prince Edward	1,857.89

We feel this information is of interest to our readers in Appomattox County and to those in adjoining counties as well.

SEN. SCOTT RECEIVES 'FREEDOM' AWARD

U.S. Sen. William L. Scott (right) is presented the Young Americans for Freedom's "Guardian of Freedom Award" by state chairman, Robert Lightner of Verona, Va. During the "Salute to Bill Scott" program, the Virginia Senator was recognized for his consistent support of the principles embodied in the Constitution, the free enterprise system, and a strong national defense.

VIRGINIA FARMS FACE FEED PINCH

Commissioner S. Mason Carbaugh of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce said today that the state's farmers find themselves in the worst feed-supply situation they have experienced in recent years. He noted that the four feed grain stocks (corn, oats, barley, and sorghum) on Virginia farms were down 39 percent and hay stocks down some 12 percent from the low stocks last year.

The Commissioner said, "Virginia's farmers, who suffered heavy losses because of the summer drought will now be forced to find other sources of feed for their livestock. This will mean another out of pocket expense and coupled with crop losses of the past year will put a bigger financial burden on farm producers. Early totals for Virginia agriculture show that expenses on the farm exceeded farm income by about 10 percent this past year. Many farmers who were forced to borrow money to continue in operation are going to find an added pinch with the lower farm stocks of feed grains."

The Commissioner recalled the cold winter of last year that forced many livestock producers to deplete their hay supplies as he pointed out that hay stocks on farms now are 12 percent below this time last year. This is the lowest on record for this time since 1964 and reflects the reduced carryover stocks from 1976 as well as the low 1977 production.

"Present stocks would seem to be sufficient on some farms," he said. "But many are going to be short and there is every indication that the situation could become more critical as we move further into 1978."

Information supplied by the Virginia Crop Reporting Service show that corn stocks on January 1, 1978 totaled 23,483,000 bushels, a 37 percent decline from last year. Compared with a year earlier, on-farm stocks were down 41 percent and off-farm stocks declined by 26 percent. The low level of production during the hot summer has contributed to the reduction in stocks to their lowest level for January 1, since 1972. Sorghum held in all positions fell to 157,000 bushels on January 1. This is the lowest level recorded for January 1 since 1965. Barley stocks also showed a decline and on January 1 totaled 1,409,000, 15 percent below a year earlier. Oats in storage January 1 at 703,000 bushels was the only feed grain to show an increase, but it was only a slight one.

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VIRGINIA FARMERS IN NATIONAL FARM EXPENDITURES SURVEY

Appomattox County Farmers Part of Nationwide Survey: U. S. farmers spent almost $89 billion in 1976 to raise crops, livestock, and poultry, according to an estimate by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Virginia Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Production expenditure information is a major ingredient in determining net farm income and is used as a guide in computing the parity index and other factors about the farmer's position in the national economy.

Nancy Johnson of the Virginia Crop and Livestock Reporting Service will be contacting several farmers in Appomattox County during February and March in an effort to establish production expenditure levels for 1977. Some producers will be asked a series of questions about their marketing practices for livestock, field crops, fruits and vegetables.

Nancy-Johnson added that all answers secured during the interviews will be confidential and other State and national summaries will be published.

ERNEST ANGLEY CRUSADE COMES TO LYNCHBURG

Ernest Angley, Interdenominational Evangelist, will be holding a Crusade in Lynchburg on Sunday, February 19th at 2 p.m. The Crusade will be held at E. C. Glass High School in the auditorium.

A native of Ohio, Angley has a weekly TV program each Sunday morning.

The public is invited to come out and hear this man speak and also to hear the SINGING MEN and the MUSICAL FIVE as they present gospel music.

CPL. LIPFORD REPORTS FOR DUTY

FEB. 7 - Marine Lance Corporal William R. Lipford II, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Lipford of Route 2, Box 27, Concord, Va., has reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He joined the Marine Corps in February 1976.

VIRGINIA SAFETY QUIZ

? In addition to wearing an approved helmet is a motorcyclist required to wear any other safety equipment?

A Yes. According to the Code of Virginia a person operating a motorcycle is required to wear a face shield, safety glasses or goggles or have his motorcycle equipped with safety glass or a windshield at all times while operating his vehicle.

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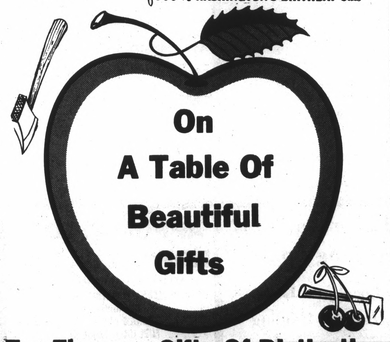

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